



Wisconsin Ethics Commission

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TO: Lobbyists, Candidate Committees, and Members of the Public

FROM: Wisconsin Ethics Commission

SUBJECT: 2020 ETH 04 – Lobbyist Personal Contributions to Partisan Elective State Officials and Candidates for Partisan Office “Allowable Contribution Window”

At the Wisconsin Ethics Commission meeting on June 16, 2020, the Commission adopted a formal opinion regarding the “contribution window” during which lobbyists may give personal campaign contributions to partisan elective state officials and candidates for partisan elective office. The formal opinion can be viewed on the Commission’s website: https://ethics.wi.gov/Resources/20-04_Lobbying_ContributionstoPartisanElectiveStateOfficials.pdf.

The Commission opined that a lobbyist may contribute to all partisan elective state officials and candidates for partisan elective office during the period of time in which the “contribution window” is open, regardless of whether the individual is on the ballot for that election.

The contribution window for the Fall 2020 General Election is currently open and will close on November 3, 2020. This formal advice is effective for this contribution window period.

Lobbyists and candidate committees should take special care to ensure that all contributions are sent and reported received in a timely manner so that campaign reports are as accurate as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the Ethics Commission.

Sincerely,

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